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1. ASEAN

WP'S OBERDORFER NOTES FON MINS OF POTENTIAL SEASIAN
DOMINOS--INDEPENDENT AND THRIVING--COMING TO WASHINGTON THIS
WK TO FORGE NEW RELATIONSHIP W/US. SAYS MINSTERIAL MTG WILL
CENTER ON TRADE/OTHER ECON MATTERS, UNLIKE JOHNSON-NIXON
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ERA MTGS W/ASIAN LEADERS WHICH FOCUSSED ON SECURITY MATTERS.
W/PARTICIPATION PRES CARTER/5 CABINET MEMBERS, SAYS 2-DAY
MTG WILL PROVIDE "SYMBOLIC NEW START" FOR US IN REGION OF
ITS GREATEST TRAVAIL/MOST HUMILIATING DEFEAT. UNTIL
RECENTLY, SAYS COMMUNIST POWERS IN ASIA CONDEMNED ASEAN AS
"PUERILE TOOL OF IMPERIALISM"/US IGNORED IT, BUT NOTES NEW
ATTITUDES HAVE SHIFTED ALL AROUND.

OBERDORFER QUOTES ASIAN DIPLO WORKING ON MTG: "WE WANT THE
AMERICANS TO SEE US COLLECTIVELY AND TO SEE THE PROBLEMS

WE ALL HAVE, AND TO APPRECIATE THAT ECON STABILITY IS FUNDAMENTAL TO POLITICAL STABILITY." DIPLO SAID ASEAN LEADERS PREPARED ASK FOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FROM US ON SUCH MATTERS AS TARIFFS, INVESTMENT, AID TO REFUGEES, ESTABLISHMENT OF FRAMEWORK FOR US INVOLVEMENT W/REGION/

ASEAN. OBERDORFER SAYS US NOT READY APPROVE SPEC TRADE PREF, BUT PLANS TO ANNOUNCE MISSIONS TO AREA BY OFFICIALS IN INVESTMENT GUARANTEE FIELD. SAYS MTG WILL ALSO COVER COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ON ENERGY/FOOD/SCIENCE/TECH/AID. QUOTES SENIOR US DIPLO THAT THIS IS 1ST TIME USG HAS TRIED COME TO TERMS W/SEASIA AS REGION SINCE '75, THAT IT'S "IMPORTANT FOR AMERICANS TO BEGIN TO SEE SOMETHING IN SEASIA AS POSITIVE AFTER 20 YEARS OF OVERCOMMITMENT IN THE AREA AND THREE YEARS OF POST-VIETNAM TRAUMA." QUOTES US DIPLOS THAT ECON PROGRESS/SECURITY IN ASEAN AREA CAN BE MODEST PLUS FOR ASIA AS A WHOLE WHILE ECON FAILURE, POL INSTABILITY OR INSTALLATION OF HOSTILE GOVTS COULD BE SETBACK OF SERIOUS IMPORT.

2. VIETNAM

VIET COMMUNIST PARTY SECY XUAN THUY SAID SAT SRV IS READY UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE DIPLO RELS W/US, EVEN THO US HAS NOT PROVIDED RE-CONSTRUCTION AID. HEADING VIET DEL TO HAVANA WORLD YOUTH FESTIVAL, XUAN TOLD NEWS CONF THAT PROGRESS TOWARD NORMALIZATION NOW DEPENDS ON US, INDICATING THAT SENDING OF DEL TO ID FACILITIES IN HONOLULU WAS CONSIDERED FRIENDLY GESTURE (WSTAR HAVANA 7/30).

3. VIETNA/CHINA/CAMBODIA

REUTER (PEKING, SUN) REPORTS TOP-LEVEL CAMBODIAN MIL DEL HAS ARRIVED IN PEKING--COINCIDING W/VNA REPORT THAT SEVERAL BATTALIONS CAMBODIAN TROOPS WERE WIPED OUT BY VIET FORCES IN RECENT BORDER CLASHES. SAYS MIL DEL, LED BY DEFMIN/ VICE PREMIER, SON SEN, IS MOST SENIOR TO ARRIVE IN PEKING SINCE '75. MEANWHILE, VNA REPORTED VIET TROOPS IN SONG BE KILLED/WOUNDED 279 CAMBODIAN SOLDIERS/CAPTURED MANY OTHERS 7/22 AND PUT 450 OUT OF ACTION 7/26 IN SAME AREA AND 400 IN CEN CAU SAME DAY. WP (HK) QUOTES RADIO HANOI THAT TOTAL 1500 CAMBODIANS KILLED/WOUNDED OVER PAST 7 DAYS IN BENCAN DIST/TAYNINH PROV/LOCNINH DIST/SONG BE.

4. VIETNAM/CHINA

NCNA REPORTED FRI THAT PEKING HAD PROTESTED TO HANOI THAT SRV WAS CONTINUING DRIVE TO BORDER AREAS/HARASS "VICTIMIZED" CHINESE NATLS WHO HAVE NOT GONE THRU REPATRIATION FORMALITIES. VN PRESS AGENCY ACCUSED CHINESE

EMB IN HANOI OF TURNING DOWN REQUESTS FOR ENTRY VISAS FROM CHINESE WHO RETURNED FROM BORDER TO GET THEM (REUTER PEKING, NYT).

5. CHINA

UPI (NYT 7/30) REPORTS 26-MEMBER HIGH-LEVEL PRC AGRIC DEL TOURING US EXTENDED INVITATION FRI TO USDA SECY TO VISIT CHINA IN OCT--AND BERGLAND IMMEDIATELY ACCEPTED, SAYING UNCLASSIFIED

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"SUCH A VISIT IS A RARE OPPORTUNITY." UPI NOTES HE HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUCH TRIP THRU DIPLO CHANNELS. REPORTS REP FINDLEY'S (R-ILL) COMMENT THAT AGRIC GROUP NOW IN US IS "MOST PRESTIGIOUS MISSION THAT CHINA HAS SENT TO THIS COUNTRY."

WSJ STAFFER REPORTS BERGLAND WILL VISIT PRC TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE EXPANSION US FARM SALES TO CHINESE. OBSERVES THIS IS SECOND PEKING INVITATION TO BE EXTENDED US CABINET OFFICIAL IN RECENT WKS. QUOTES BERGLAND THAT PRC IS "POTENTIALLY A TREMENDOUS MARKET FOR INCREASED EXPORTS OF AMERICAN PRODUCTS." ADDS OBSERVATION THAT CHINESE BOUGHT SOME US WHEAT THIS YR, AFTER AVOIDING US PURCHASES FOR 4 YRS, AND AMERICAN FARMERS ARE ANXIOUS FOR MORE ORDERS FROM CHINA.

WPOST ITEM NOTES ALBANIA EMB IN PEKING ISSUED EXTREMELY STRONGLY WORDED PAMPHLET, IN FORM OF OPEN LTR TO PRC GOVT/ CCP, ATTACKING CHINESE LEADERSHIP AND INDICATING IT MAY HAVE DOUBTS ABOUT PEKING'S IDEOLOGICAL SOUNDNESS SINCE EARLY 60'S. NYT BELGRADE SPEC REPORTS ALBANIA 7/30 MADE PUBLIC HARSH LTR TO PEKING SAYING ITS RECENT FALLING OUT W/CHINESE HAD BEEN DEVELOPING OVER MANY YRS IN SERIES OF SLIGHTS/CONTROVERSIES, INCLUDING SERIOUS DISPUTE OVER NIXON'S '72 PRC VISIT.

IN VIENNA (7/30), NYT'S HOFMANN REPORTS CHINESE DIPLOS THERE ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN THAT SOVIETS MAY ATTEMPT WIN ALBANIA BACK AS ALLY, EXPLOITING PRC-ALBANIA IDEOLOGICAL RIFT. SAYS CHINESE DIPLOS HAVE TOLD WESTERN COLLEAGUES IN VIENNA THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WILL CONTINUE DESPITE IDEOLOGICAL CRITICISMS. NOTES CHRMN HUA IS EXPECTED VISIT BELGRADE NEXT MONTH, AND BEFORE OR AFTER YUGOSLAV SOJOURN UNCLASSIFIED

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IS DUE VISIT ROMANIA--POINTEDLY BY PASSING ALBANIA.

BINDER (NYT 7/30) SAYS CARTER ADMIN IS CONSIDERING WHETHER ATTEMPT OPEN DISCUSSIONS W/ALBANIA--AND THAT "KNOWLEDGEABLE

US OFFICIALS" SAY TIME MAY BE RIPE FOR SUCH APPROACH, AS
RESULT OF PRC'S 7/13 ANNOUNCEMENT OF HALT IN MIL/ECON
AID TO ALBANIA.

AP (TACHING, SUN 7/30) DESCRIBES CHINESE OIL WORKERS'
BATTLES W/CLIMATE/UNCOMPROMISING ENVIRONMENT/MOSQUITOES IN
EFFORTS TO HELP FILL PRC'S GROWING PETROLEUM NEEDS FOR

EXPORT/INTERNAL USE.

IN CANTON, WP'S MATHEWS REPORTS CAAC HAS "SCORED ANOTHER
FIRST"--HAS CRAMMED 2 OR 3 EXTRA ROWS OF SEATS INTO TRI-
DENT 2E, LEAVING 5-INCH SPACE FOR LONG LEGS OF SEVERAL
US/EUROPEAN TOURISTS ON BOARD.

6. CHINA/JAPAN

SDR HEADED KANEMARU, ADDRESSING 7/31 MTG ORGANIZED BY
PRIVATE "NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON POLITICS," SAID THAT
DURING HIS TALKS W/DOD SECY BROWN, HE URGED US STICK TO
SECURITY COMMITMENTS TO ROC. RELATED THAT HE TOLD BROWN
ROC/SK/JAPAN FORM "COMMUNITY BOUND TOGETHER BY COMMON
FATE. WHEN ONE OF THEM FACES A DANGER, THE OTHERS CANNOT
JUST STAND IDLE AND WATCH." ACCORDING KANEMARU, BROWN
REAFFIRMED US COMMITMENTS TO ROC, SAID US WOULD NEVER
ALLOW ASIA BALANCE OF POWER TO SHIFT. REUTER (TOKYO)
SAYS KANEMARU ALSO RELATED HE TOLD BRZEZINSKI THAT IF US
GAVE UP TAIWAN, SOVIETS WOULD SET UP BASE THERE, POSING
SERIOUS THREAT TO REGION'S SEA LANES.

7. JAPAN

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PHINQ'S MCCARTNEY REPORTS US, "WITH SCARCELY ANY PUBLIC
DISCUSSION," IS SHARPLY INCREASING WEAPONS SALES TO JAPAN--
REPRESENTING "MAJOR CHANGE" IN ARMS SALE POLICY TOWARD
JAPAN. QUOTES US OFFICIALS THAT PLANS CALL FOR DELIVERY
100 F-15 FIGHTERS OVER 5-YR PERIOD, PLUS 50 PC-3 ANTI-SUB
PLANES FOR DELIVERY IN NEXT FEW YRS, AND SALES OF E-2C
ALSO CONSIDERED (ALSO IN 7/30 GLOBE).

IN TOKYO, CSM'S THARP REPORTS CIVILIAN CONTROL OF JAPAN'S
MIL FORCES, ALONG W/SENSITIVE CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE OF SDR
LEGALITY, HAVE SUDDENLY FLARED INTO PUBLIC LIMELIGHT.
CITES SOME OBSERVERS SAYING GEN KURISU'S REMARKS ABOUT
SDF TAKING "EXTRA-LEGAL ACTIONS" IN CASE OF EMERGENCY AND
HIS SUBSEQUENT RESIGNATION COULD BE PART OF CAREFULLY
PLANNED SCENARIO.

REUTER (TOKYO 7/30) REPORTS BOMB EXPLODED SAT AT PIPELINE
CARRYING FUEL SUPPLIES TO NARITA AIRPORT, BUT NO DAMAGE

DONE.

TREASURY DEPT SAYS IT'S BEGINNING ANTI-DUMPING PROBE INTO IMPORTS OF STAINLESS STEEL ROUND WIRE FROM JAPAN (WSJ).

WP'S KOTKIN, IN SFO SPEC, REPORTS JAPAN IS BUILDING "NEW ECONOMIC EMPIRE" IN AMERICAN WEST--JAPANESE INTERESTS

QUIETLY PURCHASING BILLIONS WORTH OF WESTERN LAND/TIMBER/FISH, AGRIC PRODUCTS/INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

JOC'S LAWRENCE REPORTS GROUP OF WAYS AND MEANS CMTE MEMBERS, IN APPARENT EFFORT PRESS MORE TRADE CONCESSIONS FROM JAPAN, HAS SUGGESTED CARTER ADMIN APPLY TEMPORARY IMPORT SURCHARGE ON JAPANESE GOODS.

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ACCORDING CHIEF ECONOMIST OF BANK OF TOKYO TRUST CO IN NY, ESTIMATED 80,000 JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN/DIPLOS STATIONED IN US ARE NOT REAPING SAME BONANZA THAT JAPANESE TOURISTS ARE FINDING AS THEY SPEND INCREASINGLY VALUABLE YEN IN US (AP, SUN).

8. PHILIPPINES

WSTAR (7/30) REPORTS IMELDA MARCOS CAME AWAY FROM SESSION W/HOUSE MEMBERS LAST WK "UNSMILING AND GRIM." SAYS CONGRESSIONAL OPPONENTS OF MARCOS REGIME REFUSED BE SWAYED BY HER SMILE/WINNING WAYS, BARRAGED HER W/QUESTIONS ON SOURCE OF MARCOS WEALTH, ALLEGED TORTURE OF POL PRISONERS, POSSIBLE IMPROPER USE OF US MIL AID. SAYS THEY DIDN'T APPRECIATE HER "EVASIVE ANSWERS" AND SAID "IT WAS LIKE TALKING TO THE TOOTH FAIRY."

NYT SPEC (MANILA) OBSERVES MOSLEM REBELS HAVE EXPANDED OPRNS INTO 3 NEW AREAS IN S PHILS DURING LAST MONTH, APPARENTLY IN EFFORT IMPROVE THEIR BARGAINING POSITION IN PROJECTED NEW ROUND OF TALKS W/GOP. NOTES ISLAMIC NATIONS IN ASIA/MIDEAST HAVE BEEN PRESSING FOR NEW PEACE TALKS.

9. AUSTRALIA

ANOTHER NYT SPEC (SYDNEY) NOTES FORMER AUSSIE PM GOUGH WHITLAM--"ONE OF AUSTRALIA'S MOST CONTROVERSIAL, COLORFUL AND IMPORTANT LEADERS"--IS RETIRING FROM POLITICS TO TAKE WRITING FELLOWSHIP AT AUSSIE NATL UNIV IN CANBERRA, WHERE HE IS TO PRODUCE 2 BOOKS, ONE ON AUSSIE POLITICS/OTHER ON GOA RELS W/SEASIA. ARTICLE DETAILS POL CAREER OF WHITLAM.

10. NEW ZEALAND

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USDA WARNS NZ ITS 4-BIL-DOL EXPORT TRADE IN KIWIFRUIT TO
US IS IN JEOPARDY BECAUSE OF PESTICIDE RESIDUES (JOC SPEC
AUKLAND). VANCE

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